1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
19.	Tarakarma Thirtha Sagaram Project					33.0060	
20.	SwarnamukhiMed Irrigation Project				5.9310	5.9310	
21.	Palemvagu					9.5355	
	(Andhra Pradesh)-Total	14.8246	6.3534	21.1780	293.4925	816.4220	80.6900

Hotels located in Ponds

†434. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some hotels are located amidst the ponds in Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof and the details of ponds amidst which the hotels are located;

(b) whether the water of the ponds is being used by people as drinking water and whether it is safe to be used as drinking water;

(c) whether arrangements of sewer line have been made by such hotels for drainage of dirty water; and

(d) if so, the hotels where such arrangements have been made in Rajasthan and the places where these sewer lines open and the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Ministry of Tourism has informed that no hotels are located amidst ponds in Rajasthan. However, there are hotels located in the middle of lakes in Rajasthan.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Water disputes with China

435. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there exist water disputes between the People's Republic of China and India;

(b) if so, whether any joint committee/commission has been constituted by both the countries to solve such disputes; and

(c) the names of the main rivers where such disputes do arise?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No Sir, there is no water dispute between the Peoples' Republic of China and India.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Contamination of ground water

436. DR. M. A. M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various States are affected by the contaminated ground water with poisonous substances;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government are providing assistance to various States to fight out the menace of arsenic contamination of ground water;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the situation of arsenic contamination of ground water has improved; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The studies conducted by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) have revealed that quality of ground water in most parts of the country is potable except in a few areas where ground water is contaminated due to inherent properties of rock formations which hold water or through which the ground water moves. Fluoride and Arsenic are the main geogenic contaminants which when exceed the permisible limit as prescribed by BIS cause health hazard. The State-wise details of Flouride and Arsenic contamination in ground water are given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) and (d) To assist various States in fighting the menance of arsenic contamination in ground water, CGWB carries out exploratory drilling in the arsenic affected areas in order to delineate arsenic free potential aquifer zones. Successful exploratory wells tapping arsenic free deeper aquifers are handed over to the user agencies for utilization in their water supply scheme. State-wise details of arsenic free exploratory wells drilled by Central Ground Water Board are given in the enclosed Statement-II (*See* below).

(e) and (f) Once the aquifer has been contaminated, it is difficult to improve the quality of ground water insitu. Protective measures for providing safe drinking water supply in the affected areas are being taken up by the State Governments of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.